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At about 10 in the morning on Sunday August 15, 1994, a small plane landed at Villacoublay military airport outside Paris. On board was a team of agents from the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire, or DST—broadly speaking, the French equivalent to the CIA. Their handcuffed and hooded prisoner had been captured only hours before in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum. His name was Illich Sanchez Ramirez, better known as Carlos the Jackal, self-styled revolutionary, terrorist and murderer.

Two years later, the European Commission on Human Rights, a predecessor of the European Court of Human Rights, rejected his complaint and ruled that the circumstances of his arrest and transfer to France did not violate the European Convention on Human Rights.

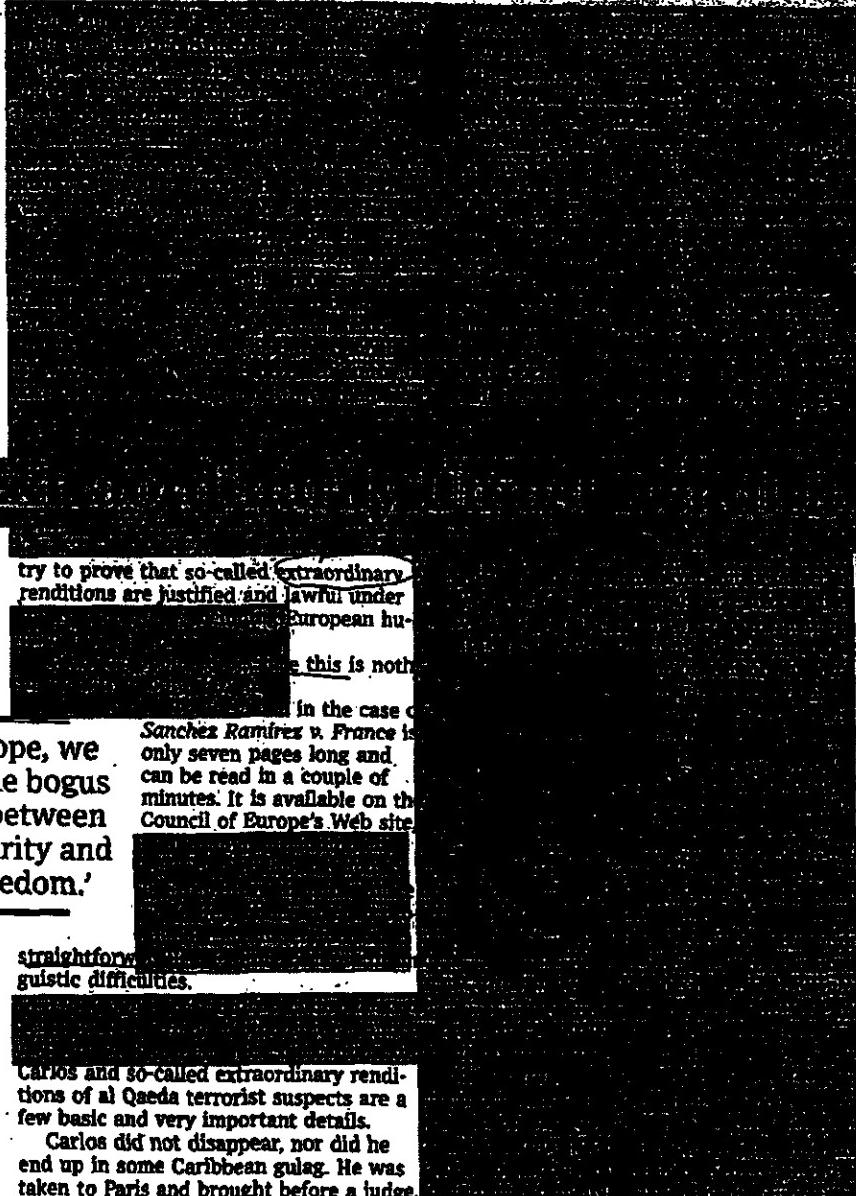
This ruling by a Council of Europe body has been repeatedly used by the highest officials in the U.S. State Department to

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straightforward linguistic difficulties.

Carlos and so-called extraordinary renditions of al Qaeda terrorist suspects are a few basic and very important details.

Carlos did not disappear, nor did he end up in some Caribbean gulag. He was taken to Paris and brought before a judge,



unravel the public and even scientists—especially those outside the area of climate dynamics. Secondly, given that the question of human attribution largely cannot be resolved, its use in promoting visions of disaster constitutes nothing so much as a bait-and-switch scam. That is an inauspicious beginning to what Mr. Gore claims is not a political issue but a "moral" crusade.

Lastly, there is a clear attempt to establish truth not by scientific methods but by political fiat. An earlier attempt at this was derailed by tragedy. Perhaps this time around we may be lucky.

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tional law, which was drafted in difficult and uncertain times and has been tested in [REDACTED] the Convention balances the rights of individuals against the needs of the larger community. It is a robust, effective and principled response to the threats faced by society from terrorism. In Europe, there is a clear choice between our security and our freedom.

After his arrest, Illich Ramirez Sanchez was held incommunicado and was sentenced to life in prison. Many say he may be an anarchist, but not a martyr. He has never complained through his lawyers that he was set out to destroy the world. Carlos has atoned for his sins.

It is important that [REDACTED] be denied the opportunity to commit new crimes or alternatively inspire other people to follow his example.

There is a message in all that. A really effective fight against terrorism is one which stops more terrorists than it helps to recruit.

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